

Chapel Worship 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary Worship 10:45 a.m.  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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*Brian Matthews*

As we begin the new year I want to share with you something Shannon and I have become very passionate about in the past couple years that will be offered here very soon. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University has helped millions of people learn biblical financial principles, get out of debt, and allow their money to work for them.

Although Shannon and I grew up in very different households, we both were taught poor financial habits. As a result, the early years of our marriage were a financial disaster. About the only thing we did right was give to the church. I won't share all the gruesome details of the past 17+ years with you, let me simply say that today we are: 1) debt free except for our house, 2) living on a budget that is beneath our means, 3) continuing to tithe to the Lord, and 4) using the Ramsey envelop system to ensure disciplined, cash spending. And the reasons for this are simple...we wanted to change our financial lives, and Financial Peace University gave us the tools to do so.

*The money class that  
will change your life.*

FINANCIAL *Peace*

Because I believe so strongly in this program, and because our church believes so strongly in the importance of teaching biblical financial principles, we are offering it to the church (and community) at a discount rate. Typically FPU costs over \$100, but we are offering it for only \$25.

If getting out of debt, learning sound financial principles, having a total money makeover, increasing charitable giving, or simply learning to live on a budget are part of your 2017 goals (or should be), then I strongly encourage you to join Shannon and me beginning Wednesday, February 1 at 6pm for the 9-week Financial Peace University. To reserve your spot and get your class material, please contact or come by the church office . . . or go online to <http://fpu.com/1032960> and sign up today...and get on the fast-track to financial peace!

P.S. According to information I have gathered, a couple years ago the church discussed and approved a plan to install screens in our worship spaces. Since that discussion took place before my arrival, but is something in which I am very interested, I invite everyone to an open meeting on Sunday, January 29 at 9:45 am in the sanctuary to hear my thoughts and offer your own.

Jesus is Lord.

  
Pastor Brian Matthews



# ECU WESLEY



## MARK THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR

The ECU Wesley Leadership Team took a 3 day retreat to Egan Camp & Retreat Center on January 2-4, 2017. The students learned the importance of being on fire for Christ and not lukewarm. The group also grew closer together. From left: Stephanie Cox, Loudon Johnson, Devon Taylor, James Houchin, Autumn Kibbie, Sam Adams and Britni Sisco.



We have dedicated this 2016-2017 school year to Miss Avery Mae Anderson! We think of #avethebrave a lot as we share with others about Christ. We pray for her and her family daily. We know Christ is in charge and He is taking care of her. We love you #avethebrave! Life.

- Monday's during the spring semester: Random Snacks of Kindness in the University Centre @ 11 am-1 pm; FUSION Worship @ 8 pm @ ECU Wesley
- January 16<sup>th</sup>: MLK Day (No Classes, No FUSION & ECU Wesley Closed)
- January 17<sup>th</sup>: Asbury Kidz @ 6 pm & Guys Group/Girls Group @ 8 pm @ ECU Wesley
- January 19<sup>th</sup>: Carry the Love Tour @ ECU
- January 22<sup>nd</sup>: ECU Wesley leads worship @ Sulphur FUMC
- January 29<sup>th</sup>: ECU Wesley speaks at Whitehead UMC
- January 30<sup>th</sup>: Night of Worship & Testimony @ Hallie Brown with Fullers Field & Ty Darlington @ 7:30 pm

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## Notes from the



It is only the second Sunday of 2017, and we already had to cancel Dinner at the park! We had snow on Friday, not too many inches, but there was a nice layer of ice under the snow, and the roads around many of our volunteers were not safe to drive on! We hope to be back next Sunday! Our goal at the park has always been to help with the immediate needs of the community, food is first on our list, and we are able to provide meals each week for several hundred people. The second thing that we try to provide is clothing; coats, hats, gloves, and other cold weather items. Next, we hand out blankets whenever possible. With that being said, I feel that the most important thing that we share is acceptance. No one should ever feel judged when they visit with us. Everyone faces difficulty at some point in their life. If we can help, it is because of all of those who have helped us. In 2016, we served 22,970 meals at Glenwood Park. We also provided groceries several times each month to families in need. We have been able to share coats and other items to the residents of a senior living facility, and we frequently share food with a rehabilitation home. Whenever we are contacted, we try to meet the needs of our community, and we hope to be able to continue as long as the needs are out there.

There are so many people involved in Sunday Dinner: Colin, Clay, Lisa, John, Darrell, Doree, Jeff, Julie, Jim, Rick, Fran, Don, Nina, Tim, David, Joanne, KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, J.D.'s Cafe, and the members of the First United Methodist Church of Ada, and so many others who have heard of the Sunday meal, and share, groceries, clothing and bedding with us. This is a true community effort. Thank you all. -Clay and Leslie Carley

## REMINDER



We have started a new prayer list for this year!

If you would like to be on the prayer list or you want to include someone else on there and/or would like them to receive cards from the Card Ministry, please contact Amber in the office at (580) 332-1398 with their name and address.

-Thank you!



Join the United Methodist Men for breakfast on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 am at the Aldridge Coffee Shop (200 S. Broadway Ave.).

Also there is a Bible study class every Wednesday at the church in the library at 12:00 pm.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the church office.

## Evangelism COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee will meet on January 24th at 6:00 pm in the Lindsay Room.

All continuing and new members are invited to attend!

-Pastor Roberto Escamilla



The time to renew your subscription for 2017 is January 22nd (at both services). There will be an envelope inserted in the bulletin for you to enclose your checks for \$12.00 plus an additional gift of \$12.00 for complimentary distribution.



**OUR STORY**  
**(QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT THE FOUNDATION)**

**Question.** Why does our Church need such a Foundation?

**Answer:** We need it because more people are becoming aware of their own need to give to and support this type of charitable entity. Not only can they give while living and see the regular programs of our church enjoy the result of their gifts, but they can also give through their will or trust and thus extend their legacy into the future.

**Question.** What is the main difference between making a gift to the FUMC of Ada and a gift to the FUMC of Ada Foundation?

**Answer:** If you want your gift to be immediately used for the needs of the Church (budget or non-budget needs), then your gift should go directly to the FUMC of Ada. On the other hand, if you want your gift to be invested and only the annual earnings used for the benefit of the FUMC of Ada, then your gift or bequest should go to the FUMC of Ada Foundation. Gifts to the Foundation will continue to benefit your Church in perpetuity.

**Question.** How does a person join the FUMC of Ada Foundation?

**Answer:** Any individual who makes a gift to the Foundation of \$25 a year or more will receive a membership card. Members of the Foundation are invited to the annual meeting of the Foundation and are entitled to vote on issues brought before the membership.

**Question.** What are some examples of designated gifts to the FUMC of Ada Foundation?

**Answer:** Currently, designated funds include the Trustees Building Maintenance Fund, the Mission Trust Fund, the Scholarship Fund, the Golden Agers Fund, the Muntz/Myers Lectureship Fund, and the Transformers Sunday School Fund.

**Question.** What is the largest gift ever received by the FUMC of Ada Foundation?

**Answer:** In 1988, the Foundation received \$287,982 from the estate of one of our church members (3/4th of the residual estate). Of this amount, 25% was designated for the Golden Agers Fund.

**Question.** What about other gifts to the FUMC of Ada Foundation?

**Answer:** Since its inception the Foundation has received hundreds of gifts and memberships. Many gifts are in the \$25 to \$1000 range. Larger gifts, in the \$5000 to \$50,000 range, have been made by individuals and received from estates of individuals.

**Question.** How are gifts made to the Foundation through an individual's estate?

**Answer:** To make a gift to the Foundation through an estate, The First United Methodist Church of Ada Foundation, Inc. must be named as a beneficiary of the estate. Once this is done, the Foundation can receive a specific bequest (i.e. 100 shares of stock or a specific cash amount) or the Foundation can receive part or all of the residual estate (i.e. 75% of the residual estate after all specific bequests are met).

**Question.** Are my gifts to the Foundation tax deductible?

**Answer:** YES

It is our hope that your will or trust will include The First United Methodist Church of Ada Foundation, Inc. as one of your beneficiaries.

## Mosaic Classes

We will be offering three different Mosaic classes starting back on Wednesday, February 1st. Below are the two classes and their sessions.

**Invitation to the Old Testament by Bob Langston-** if you would like to join this class please let the church office know by **January 19th. The books will cost approximately \$17.00.**

**Sessions:**

1. The Making of the Hebrew Bible
2. The Creation Story of Israel
3. Out of Bondage
4. Promise and Problem in the Land.
5. Israel Has a King
6. Division and the Rise of Prophecy
7. Exile and Response
8. Restoration and Renewal

**Financial Peace University by Brian and Shannon Matthews-**

if you desire to join this class please let the church office know by **January 23rd. Registration cost \$25.00.**

**Sessions:**

1. Super Saving
2. Relating with Money
3. Cash Flow planning
4. Dumping Debt
5. Buyer Beware
6. The Role of Insurance
7. Retirement and College Planning
8. Real Estate and Mortgages
9. The Great Misunderstanding

**Theology of the Cross by Roberto Escamilla**  
**Sessions:**

1. Christ as Our Savior- March 8th
2. The Four Stages of Forgiving- March 22nd
3. How People Forgive- March 29th
4. The Undying Optimism of the Christian Faith- April 5th

## Memorials

### December 2016

In Honor of  
*Andy Hood, Roy Allen,  
JoAnn Hunt, and  
Dorothea Fenton*  
By: Fellowship Class

In Memory of  
*Harold Danielson*  
By: *Loyleta Cacy*

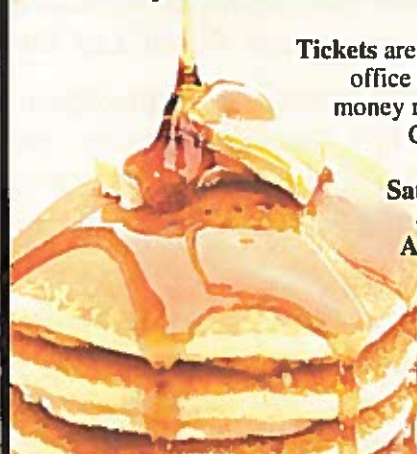
In Honor of  
*Jane Muntz*  
By: Bruce & Diane  
Omohundro

In Memory of  
*Guy Logsdon*  
By: Kim & Buck Buxton

In Memory of  
*Dick McCortney*  
By: Kim & Buck Buxton

In Memory of  
*Rick Coleman*  
By: Kim & Buck Buxton

## CUB SCOUT PACK 13 FLAPJACK BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



Tickets are available in the church office for \$7.00 each and all money raised will help support Cub Scout Pack 13.

**Saturday, January 14th  
8:00 am to 10:00 am  
Applebees, 1220 North  
Mississippi in Ada**

**For more information  
contact the church  
office or Steve Ivan  
at (580) 310-9849**

# Opportunities of the Week



# Church Family Prayer List

**Worship times are the same each week,  
unless announced**

### Sunday

8:30 a.m.      Worship (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m.      Sunday School  
10:45 a.m.     Worship (Sanctuary)  
3:30 p.m.      Park Ministry (Glenwood)  
5:00 p.m.      Youth Meet-Up (Church)

### Tuesday

9:30 a.m.      Talmidim Bible Study  
12:00 a.m.     Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room  
3:30 p.m.      Voices Of Praise Practice

### Wednesday

10:00 p.m.     Rebekah Bible Study (Library)  
Noon            Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)  
4:00 p.m.      Awana  
5:00 p.m.      Mosaic Meal ( Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m.      Journey through the Bible  
6:00 p.m.      Mosaic Classes  
6:00 p.m.      Chancel Ringers Practice  
6:30 p.m.      Youth Worship  
7:15 p.m.      Chancel Choir Practice



### Upcoming events this week

#### MONDAY 16th,

ALL DAY              Church Closed (In Observance  
of Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

#### TUESDAY 17th,

5:45 pm              GSPS Board Meeting (Parlor)

#### WEDNESDAY 18th,

8:00 am              Matthew 25 Packaging  
(St. Luke's Episcopal Church)

#### THURSDAY 19th,

8:00 am              Mathew 25 Distribution  
(St. Luke's Episcopal Church)  
6:00 pm              Stephen Ministerial  
Supervisory Group Meeting  
(Lindsay Class)  
6:00 pm              Finance Team (Library)

#### SUNDAY 22nd,

12:00 pm             Worship Team Meeting  
(Fellowship Hall)

#### MONDAY 23rd,

12:00 pm             Trustees Team Meeting  
6:00 pm              Evangelism Team Meeting  
(Lindsay)

#### WEDNESDAY 25th,

11:00 am             Golden Agers  
(Fellowship Hall)



**PRAYERS:** Avery Anderson, Dudley Bricker, Dean Brown, Kim Childers, Pat Christensen, Buck Cooper, Maggie Cooper, Oliver Cooper, Patsy Cobb, Ashley Elliott, Kim Holton, Truman Johnson, Bobie Logsdon, Emma Lucas, Sonny Phillips, Ralph Rhodes, Larry Robertson, Lynn Snow, Carrie Ann Testerman, Phil Ryhnes, Adam Wood, Lad Yates.

**LONG-TERM PRAYERS:** Bud Blackburn, Amy Evans Boatwright, Milt Donaghey, Donna and Mike Manning, Jack Phillips, Dale Rice, Marty Skinner, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Doc Stokes, Karen Williams.

**EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Taylor Hayden Adams, Amber Blansett, Ashley Brady, Kelsey Eidson, Lili Giles, Molly Jackson, Leah Johnson, Katie Buxton McNew, Stephanie Pyrum, Kayla Taylor, Sarah Walker

## ATTENDANCE

#### DECEMBER 18th, 2016

Sunday School              135  
Chapel Service              68  
Sanctuary Service           132

**Total Worship**              200

#### DECEMBER 14th, 2016

Christmas Eve Service:  
6:00 pm                      282  
11:00 pm                     387

#### DECEMBER 25th, 2016

Christmas Day Service      149

**Total Worship**              149